

FOI REF: 23/804

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

I would like to ask the following:

- 1) Since 20.11.22, how many people been admitted to A&E at hospitals within your trust with tooth decay or other dental conditions?**

There have been 966 A&E Attendances for dental reasons within East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, from 20th November 2022 to 29th November 2023.

- 2) Of these, how many resulted in an operation for tooth extraction?**

The Trust would see the patient if they were in pain or had an infection and then refer them to the Emergency Dentist. The Trust would have no part in arranging or performing tooth extraction.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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